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2. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the start command to begin repositioning is provided by the user of the voice message system and includes a voice command, a digital command, or a keyed command.

3. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the stop command to stop repositioning is provided by the user of the voice message system and includes a voice command, a digital command, or a keyed command.

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12. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising the steps of stopping the repositioning substantially at the end of the message and playing the message substantially preceding the end.

16. (Amended) The method of Claim 15, further comprising the steps of providing a signal indicating that the beginning of the message has been reached.

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17. (Amended) A voice message repositioning system that stores voice messages for a user of the system and provides feedback to the user regarding the progress of repositioning the playback of a voice message, the system comprising:

(a) a processor; and
(b) a memory coupled to the processor, the memory storing program code implemented by the processor for:

(i) repositioning the voice message upon receipt of a start command to begin repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the start command from a telephone;

(ii) providing feedback to the user via a supervisory signal during repositioning; and

(iii) stopping the repositioning upon receipt of a command by the user to stop repositioning, wherein the system is adapted for receiving the stop command from the telephone.

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18. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17, wherein the start command to begin repositioning is provided by the user of the voice message system and includes a voice command, a digital command, or a keyed command.

19. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17, wherein the stop command to stop repositioning is provided by the user of the voice message system and includes a voice command, a digital command, or a keyed command.

23. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17, wherein the supervisory signal operates at fixed intervals.

24. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 17, wherein the supervisory signal operates at variable intervals.

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25. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 24, wherein the variable intervals are based on the length of the voice message.

26. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 24, wherein the variable intervals are based on the position in the voice message.

28. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 27, wherein the program code when executed by the processor further:

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- (a) stops the repositioning substantially at the end of the message; and
 - (b) plays the message preceding the end.

29. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 28, wherein the program code when executed by the processor further provides a signal indicating that the end of the message has been reached.

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32. (Amended) The voice message repositioning system of Claim 31, wherein the program code when executed by the processor further provides a signal indicating that the beginning of the message has been reached.
